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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

HB2141, Relating to Education

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D. Director of Health January 30, 2008, 8:00 am

- Department's Position: The Department of Health supports the intent of HB2141 which provides
- 2 students and their parents with information and education on human papillomavirus immunizations,
- 3 providing its implementation does not adversely impact the priorities set forth in the Executive
- 4 Supplemental Budget.
- 5 Fiscal Implications: No appropriation amount identified but will need additional resources to develop
- 6 tailored information and education material for students and parents.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supports public information and education on
- 8 reducing risks for cervical cancer including information on the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The
- 9 availability of accurate and appropriate information tailored to Hawaii's diverse cultures and ethnicities
- is critical in informing parents enabling them to educate their children, talking with their physicians and
- 11 assisting in making appropriate decisions.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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